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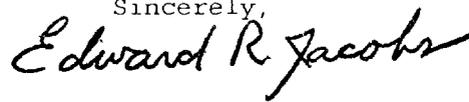
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Honorable Tim Holden

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We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Linda Solheim
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Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed is a letter that I recently received from Mr. John Sokol, the Executive Director of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission regarding PR Docket 92-235.

I hope that you will carefully consider the comments of Mr. Sokol as you make your final decisions regarding the allocation of the radio spectrum. Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

TIM HOLDEN
Member of Congress

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JOHN L. SOKOL, JR., P.E.
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April 7, 1993

The Honorable Tim Holden
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Holden:

In order to establish more efficient use of the radio spectrum, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing extensive reassignment of radio frequencies, known as PR Docket Number 92-235. The proposed completion of this reassignment is the year 2004. The implementation of this docket will most likely require the replacement of all mobile, portable, base and repeater radios currently in operation in Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission vehicles and facilities. This equipment provides your constituents with vital public safety services.

While the need for more efficient use of the radio spectrum is wholeheartedly recognized, your assistance in emphasizing several important issues is requested. Although an implementation date has been established, the technology is not yet available. Public safety entities will be forced to bear the significant cost and effort of implementation while others benefit. A thoughtful cost-controlled migration policy must be established.

Also, radio call boxes, which we operate along every mile of the PA Turnpike, are neither addressed nor protected under the FCC plan. Serious interference problems from commercial paging services are not being rectified. Averaging approximately 1200 calls each month, this system provides our patrons with immediate access to emergency services, which could make the difference in a life or death situation.

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Because of the far-reaching effects on the safety of our patrons, who are also your constituents, your assistance with these issues is critical. This is especially true because Congress has stated that the protection of the safety of life and property be given priority in frequency allocation matters, as mandated by the Federal Communications Authorization Act of 1983, House Rep. No. 98-356, 98th Cong., 1st Sess. 28 (1983).

Enclosed are comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission in response to PR Docket 92-235. Your assistance in reinforcing the above concerns to the Federal Communications Commission would be greatly appreciated. These comments should be addressed to: Mr. Ralph Haller, Chief, Private Radio Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554. The deadline for comments is April 28, 1993. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



John L. Sokol, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Enclosure